From the Desk of the Staff Scientists Council:
Welcome to our first newsletter. Over the last few months, we observed many changes here at the Weizmann Institute. We, therefore, recognized the need for a brief way to deliver important topics, news & ideas. This is how this Newsletter was born. We look forward to your valuable input on the Newsletter and other topics.

The Staff Scientists Council

Prizes (2019):
Maxine Singer Prize for Outstanding Staff Scientists
- Diego Jaitin
- Rebecca Haffner-Krausz
Scientific Council Prize for Outstanding Staff Scientists
- Ofer Yaron
- Lothar Houben

This Spring: Staff Scientist Biennial Retreat
This coming spring (late April or early May) we will have our 4th biennial retreat. While the exact details are still being finalized, we look forward to seeing you on this occasion to develop contacts and collaborations with other staff scientists at the WIS.

Staff Scientists Development and Training Program
With the help of WIS HR and the support of the new WIS President and Vice President, we are constructing a training and development program for staff scientists. Last Thursday, you should have received an e-mail with a link to the online anonymous questionnaire. Please take a couple of minutes to help us develop this program in order to meet the needs of staff scientists in advancing our careers.

Meeting with WIS President & Vice President
A general Staff Scientists meeting with WIS President Prof. Alon Chen & Vice President Prof. Ziv Reich will take place on March 4th at 13:00 in the Ebner Auditorium. Please send any questions you may have for the new administration by February 26th to Shirley Shulman Daube (shirley.daube@weizmann.ac.il).

Staff Scientists Promoted in 2019
Promoted to Associate Staff Scientist: Haim Michael Barr (G-INCPM), Yael Eshed Eisenbach (Molecular Cell Biology), Ehud Fonio (Physics of Complex Systems), Shirly Becker Herman (Immunology), Itaf Kaplan-Ashtiri (Chemical Research Support), Miki Kazes (Physics of Complex Systems), Leila Motiei (Organic Chemistry), Noa Novershtern (Molecular Genetics), Alexander Plotnikov (G-INCPM), Lior Regev (Scientific Archeology Unit), Adriana Reuveny (Molecular Genetics), Inbal Riven (Chemical & Biological Physics), Alon Savidor (G-INCPM), Yair Shemesh (Neurobiology), Ofer Yaron (Particle Physics & Astrophysics), Smadar Zaidman (Chemical Research Support)

Promoted to Senior Staff Scientist: Janna Blechman (Molecular Cell Biology), Sara Feigelson (Immunology), Akiva Feintuch (Chemical & Biological Physics), Meirav Galun (Computer Science & Applied Mathematics), Nir Kampf (Materials & Interfaces), Michal Lahav (Organic Chemistry), Iddo Pinkas (Chemical Research Support)